GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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JOBS IN DROUGHT HIT AREAS
ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL;RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any comprehensive policy to provide more jobs for drought hit areas;

(b) if so, the extent to which the new policy is likely to be benefited in providing jobs to poor in various States especially in Maharashtra;

(c) whether the Government of Maharashtra has requested the Union Government to allocate additional Central assistance to implement the various job providing schemes in these areas;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereon; and

(e) the number of poor people benefited by such schemes in Maharashtra during the last two years and current year so far, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a)Yes Sir. Due to severe drought during 2001-2002 & 2002-2003, Government decided to provide foodgrains free of cost under the Special Component of the Sampoorna Grameen Rojgar Yojana (SGRY) to the Drought affected States to take up relief works in the affected areas.

(c)&(d) The Government of Maharashtra has submitted a Memorandum seeking financial assistance of Rs. 1715 crores (inclusive of Rs. 900 crores for employment generation) from the National Calamity Contingency Fund, in addition to the entire Central Share of Rs. 136.49 crores released to them from Calamity Relief Fund for the financial year 2003-2004.In order to provide immediate relief, 50000 MTs of foodgrains have been released free of cost for relief employment works in the State.

(b)&(e) The Statement indicating the state-wise mandays of employment generated for the last two years and during the current year (till date) is given at Annexure.